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SUBJECT: RUSSIA IPR: PIRATE WEBSITE WWW.ALLOFMP3.COM SHUT  
DOWN

Classified By: Acting Economic M/C Laura Lochman for Reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

¶1. (SBU) Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) officials notified us by e-mail and phone June 28 that the pirate music website [www.allofmp3.com](#) was no longer operational. According to our contacts, the site's operations were terminated under Article 64 of the Law on Communications, which provides that the GOR has the authority to order an Internet service provider to take down a site suspected of operating illegally. Our contacts further explained that the site will be closed until a verdict is reached in the current criminal case against a former general manager of Media Services, operator of [www.allofmp3.com](#).

¶2. (SBU) Post has verified that it is not possible to access the site [www.allofmp3.com](#), while the site [www.allofmp3.ru](#) yields a message informing that the site is "closed for maintainance."

¶3. (C) Comment: During a June 10 meeting on the margins of the St. Petersburg Economic Forum, U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab urged Minister of Economic Development and Trade German Gref to fulfill a GOR commitment under our November 2006 bilateral agreement on IPR to take action against websites promoting illegal distribution of protected content, specifically [www.allofmp3.com](#). She encouraged the GOR to do so prior to the July 2 meeting between Presidents Bush and Putin in Kennebunkport. While MEDT officials initially expressed reservations about the GOR's ability to shut the site down (citing the fact that [www.allofmp3.com](#)'s domain name is registered in the U.S.), a decision was obviously made to invoke the GOR's power under Article 64 of the Law on Communications and to instruct the Russian service provider to deny services to the website.

¶4. (C) We will follow up with GOR officials regarding the steps taken and the current status of the criminal case against the former general director of [www.allofmp3.com](#)'s operator, Media Services.

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